

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  GLOBAL CROSSING LTD. AND CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-15
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**ORDER DOCKETING APPLICATION, PROVIDING NOTICE OF HEARING, AND  
SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued September 14, 2000)

On August 16, 2000, Global Crossing Ltd. (Global) and Citizens Communications Company (Citizens) filed a proposal for reorganization pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.77 (1999) involving the sale of capital stock of Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc. (Frontier-Iowa), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (Frontier-America), by Global to Citizens. The application has been identified as Docket No. SPU-00-15. On August 24, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an answer in which it admitted certain paragraphs in the application and denied certain paragraphs.

By order issued September 24, 1999, the Utilities Board (Board) approved the transfer of control of Frontier-Iowa and Frontier-America to Global. Frontier-Iowa is a public utility which provides local exchange service to 37 exchanges, with over 60,000 access lines within the state of Iowa, and Frontier-America provides interexchange service within the state of Iowa and has filed an application to provide

local exchange service in Iowa. Citizens is a Delaware corporation which provides both regulated and competitive communication services in 14 states. It is the parent company of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Iowa (Citizens) which provides local telecommunications service to 32 exchanges in Iowa.

Global and Citizens state that the reorganization involves the sale and purchase of the controlling stock of a rate-regulated telephone utility, and there are no immediate changes contemplated with respect to the operations of Frontier-Iowa or Frontier-America. They state that the transaction will be transparent to customers since the only change is at the shareholder level.

To comply with the requirements of Iowa Code § 476.77 (1999) and 199 IAC 32.4, Global and Citizens have filed testimony and exhibits and other information. Global and Citizens request the Board approve the reorganization subject to the terms and conditions in their stock purchase agreement.

The Board finds that the application should be docketed and a procedural schedule set designed to complete the case by November 14, 2000. This deadline may be extended for up to 90 days, if subsequent events establish good cause for the extension. The procedural schedule contains an intervention date by which interested persons may file to intervene in this proceeding. Consumer Advocate is a party to this proceeding and has filed an answer.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Any interested person may file a petition to intervene in this docket on or before September 26, 2000. Any response to a petition to intervene should be filed within five days of the date the petition is filed and served.

2. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. Intervenors and Consumer Advocate shall file any prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 2, 2000.

b. Global and Citizens shall file any rebuttal testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before October 9, 2000.

c. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 10 a.m. on October 26, 2000, in the Board's hearing room at 350 East Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request appropriate arrangements be made.

d. Any party desiring to file a brief shall do so on or before November 2, 2000.

e. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in the oral testimony or cross-examination, which have not

previously been filed with the Board shall become a part of the evidentiary record. The party making the reference to the data request or response shall file an original and six copies at the earliest possible time.

3. In the absence of objection, if the Board calls for further evidence on any issue and that evidence is filed after the close of hearing, the evidentiary record shall be reopened and the evidence will become a part of the evidentiary record five days after filing. All evidence filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than seven days after the close of the hearing.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.